

**Joint Multilateral Development Bank Mission to support
Niger in the Preparation of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR)
Second Joint Mission**

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Mission Dates: **September 27 – October 4th, 2010 under the leadership of the Government of Niger.**

Mission Objective: To finalize the preparation of the final proposal for Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR), and undertake consultations with relevant development partners over the draft SPCR prior to its submission by GON to the PPCR Sub Committee.

1 Background

The first joint mission comprising staff from the World Bank, African Development Bank and IFC visited Niger from 28th June to 7th July, under the leadership of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, led by the Commissioner for Development Monsieur Malam Gata Zouladani, the national focal point for the PPCR. Following various consultation with key national stakeholders, development partners and government agencies following key results can be summarized:

- The joint mission was able to build on analytical and strategic work undertaken during the preparatory phase (September 2009 - March 2010) and on high ownership and interest on the part of the Nigerien authorities. There was consensus on the need; (i) to move rapidly; (ii) to focus the program activities on improving food security; (iii) to implement programs through sector departments with a special focus on decentralized structures and de-concentrated authorities; and (iv) to ensure that the PPCR benefits and provides participation for the most vulnerable groups.
- The consultations highlighted the close linkages between food security, reducing vulnerability and increasing climate resilience; 50% of Nigerien citizens are food insecure and this year the country is experiencing a severe drought and famine in some areas.
- A series of consultative workshops built on this work and defined the architecture and priority activities for the PPCR. They comprise three pillars, each having a number of interrelated activities.
- The government confirmed its readiness to proceed directly with preparation of the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience. This program will be prepared with the assistance of the MDBs over the coming 3 months with the objective to submit the program to the upcoming PPCR sub-committee meeting in November 2010. The government stated that it would seek US\$ 50 million in grant financing and US\$ 60 million in concessional lending (the

full amount for which Niger is eligible under the PPCR) to help finance the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience.

- The PPCR will be implemented through the existing lending and technical assistance portfolios of the World Bank and African Development Bank in Niger. Hence, it was agreed that the final proposal for developing the Strategic Program will identify and clarify the roles and responsibilities of each MDB, and arrangements for collaboration and coordination with other development partners in supporting the government in the implementation of the Strategic Program. Each MBD will be responsible for its own activities which will be implemented through its own procedures.

2 Scope of Work

The preparation of the final SPCR proposal will be based on the strategic architecture identified during the first mission:

- Pillar 1: Integrate resilience to climate variability and change into strategic and sectoral planning and development programs: The overall objective is to integrate climate factors into strategies and decision making processes at national and local level. The component would comprise three interrelated activities:

1.1 Development and application of climate and environment governance tools;

1.2 Strengthening weather and climate forecasting systems and information dissemination, both for the use of Nigerien citizens including farmers and herders, but also to improve the quality of early warning and food crisis planning systems; and

1.3 Development of a communications campaign on climate risk and a program to reinforce implementation and follow-up of training and capacity building programs.

- Pillar 2: provide investment support to both existing and innovative approaches which increase resilience to climate variability and change: the overall objective would be to support mutually reinforcing activities which reduce the vulnerability of households and farmer organizations to climate shocks and risks and increase their resilience. While pillar 1 focuses on upstream and cross-cutting themes, pillar 2 focuses on the downstream integrating activities at field level which directly benefit people.

2.1 Support to scaling up existing and innovative approaches to integrated land and water management, including increases in agricultural productivity;

2.2 Support to a pilot program of risk management, insurance and/or guarantee mechanisms and inventory guarantees against climate risks; and

2.3 Support to implementation programs at local levels for social protection of households most vulnerable to climate risks.

- Pillar 3: Knowledge management and support strategic program coordination: The objective would be to ensure coordination at a strategic level of the program. It would comprise three related activities:

3.1 Implementation of knowledge-sharing system,

3.2 Establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system for the overall program; and

3.3 Strategic coordination of activities under the program.

During the mission, the team will address the following key considerations for the preparation of the SPCR proposal:

- **Working closely with the PPCR focal point.** The mission will discuss how to best ensure coordination between various climate change activities in Niger and finalize the preparation of the logical framework for the PPCR in Niger.
- **Institutional Structure for the PPCR.** The mission will work with the Ministry of Economy and Finance to finalize the institutional arrangements for implementing SPCR. In order further to ensure coordination and synergy, a light strategic coordination structure will be established.
- **Consultation with key development partners.** The PPCR activities will build on the results of the on-going work by the World Bank and African Development Bank as well those of other development partners (UNDP, GTZ, EU, IFAD, etc). Based on the initial consultation during the first joint mission following key development partners were identified: UNDP, JICA, GTZ, GTZ, FAO.
- **Finalization of the Proposal for Project Preparation Fund (Part 3 of SPCR).** Based on the above consultations and input from various partners, the team will finalize the proposals for project preparation fund.

3 Mission Composition

The mission will be composed of the following experts.

Agency	Name	Expertise	Expected contributions to mission outputs
Government of Niger			
MEF	MALAM GATA ZOULADAINI	Overall Mission Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly coordinate and lead mission activities. • Review planning and strategic needs. • Ensure engagement of key stakeholders. • Review and consolidate inputs
	To be defined by the Government	Decentralized Government/Institutions Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review SPCR and proposed projects and check if institutional issues are well considered. • Agree on capacity development including institutional arrangements with all stakeholders.
	To be defined by the Government	Programme Officer/Focal Point (Climate Change Adaptation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check how the SPCR will support NAPA implementation and propose interventions that could complement the process • Review institutional issues.
World Bank			
AFTEN	Taoufiq Bennouna	Co-Mission Leader (NRM expert)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jointly coordinate and lead mission activities. • Overall guidance and directions to PPCR. • Consolidate inputs into final documents.

ENV	Marjory-Anne Bromhead	Senior Environment Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the finalization of world Bank project and the SRPC • Consolidate inputs to environment/ecosystem component.
AFTAR	Amadou Alassane	Agriculture Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate complementarily and synergy between PAC and the new World Bank project under the PPCR • Finalize arrangement with the PAC PIU for the project implementation.
Consultant	Angelo Bonfiglioli	Local Development and Social Protection Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the elaboration of the World Bank project and Integrate social protection dimension
SDV	Minna Kononen	Social Development Specialist / Overall mission support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support logistical issues • Support the finalization of the SPCR and World bank project
African Development Bank			
	Ould Cheikh Ahmed	Rural Infrastructures Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead preparation of SPCR for AFDB; • co lead final Joint Mission • Finalize the concept notes of AFDB projects
	Dorsouma Al – Hamndou	Climate adaptation expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review SPCR pillars and the logical framework of the PPCR • Support the finalization of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
International Finance Corporation			
	Paul Mumo Kirai	Climate Change and Energy and Environment Expert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify private sector opportunities for participation in the PPCR with focus on integrating resilience in corporate planning, financial products including crop insurance and energy resilience
	Serge Eric G. Toure	Investment Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify private sector opportunities for participation in the PPCR with focus on infrastructure

4 Mission Outputs

The mission outputs will be:

- (a) an Aide Memoire outlining the process followed during the Joint Mission;
Final Proposal for the Strategic Program on Climate Resilience with the following outline
- (b) Request for Project Preparation Funding

5 Mission Schedule

Table A. Mission Calendar

	Sept. 27 th	Sept. 28 th	Sept 29 th	Sept. 30 th	October 1 st	October 4 th	October 5 th
AM	9h00 – 11h00: Completion of the mission planning (Gvt, BM, AfDB, IFC, consultants) 11:00am – 12:00pm : Courtesy visit MEF	PPCR Focal Points, ADB, IFC, WB and any other GON representatives - detailed review of Logical framework	PPCR Focal Points, ADB, IFC, WB and any other GON representatives - detailed review of WB projects	consultations with Development partners	Elaborate / finalize Request for Projects Preparation Funding	Write-up: Draft Aide Memoire and SPCR	AM and SPCR restitution (MEF)
PM	PPCR Focal Points, ADB, IFC, WB and any other GON representatives - detailed review of draft SPCR (at World Bank office)	PPCR Focal Points, ADB, IFC, WB and any other GON representatives - detailed review of AFDB projects	PPCR Focal Points, ADB, IFC, WB and any other GON representatives - detailed review of SEA	Consultations with national institutions	Core team meeting / write up	Write-up: Finalization of the Aide Memoire and SPCR	
7 p.m.	Mission core team meeting	Mission core team meeting	Mission core team meeting	Mission core team meeting	Mission core team meeting	Mission core team meeting	

